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COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONINTERPRETATION OF ITEM 1631 and ITEM 1635December 18th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

1. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate made the following statement on behalf of the French, German and United Kingdom Delegations:

Implementation of COCOM Decisions on Items 1631 and 1635(b)

In the light of experience gained since the Committee approved the current definitions of International List Items 1631 and 1635 in July, 1959, the Delegations of France, Germany and the United Kingdom have jointly considered whether any action is necessary to ensure that the definitions are uniformly interpreted in their respective countries.

They have reached the conclusion that while no changes in the wording of the definitions are required, it is desirable, in the interests of consistency, to apply certain rules when interpreting parts of these definitions.

These are recorded below for the information and general guidance of the Committee.

Item 1631

In order to avoid evasion through misdescription of goods, the domestic controls applied to this item should cover magnetic material generally - not only magnetic metal - and should specifically include core assemblies, laminations, stampings, tapes and wound cores.

Item 1635(b)

In order to avoid evasion through misdescription of goods, the domestic controls applied to this item should cover alloys close to the line separating alloys subject to embargo from those which are not. Where a range of specific values for each alloying element is not available, "actual values" should be used.

2. The UNITED STATES Delegate commented that this was a useful document but he had not yet received specific instructions on this matter. When these instructions were received, probably during the Christmas recess, he would submit a memorandum to the Committee.

3. The CHAIRMAN invited all other Delegations to comment on the joint statement if they so wished.

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